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vote, I would like a Call of the House and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is, shall the House go under Call? Record your vote on that. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Are we voting now without debate, Mr. President, on reconsideration.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator, debate is allowable. We had debate before. We had debate on the reconsideration.

SENATOR DICKINSON: We didn't either. We have had no debate.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator DeCamp debated it and then there was a call for the previous question. I recognize you, Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: In the first place, I want to second the question that Senator Warner raised and I haven't had time to research the Rule Book. It seems only rational and reasonable that it takes as many votes to reconsider as it did to do whatever action, take whatever action we took in the first place. But since you have ruled that way, I will proceed. Let's be honest around here. We have got deals going on. We have got two bills that failed to be overridden. I voted to override both of them. I did it sincerely but I don't like...I assume everybody else did it sincerely also. I don't like the idea of coming back now and say, you give me two votes and I will give you two and we will override both of them. I think we are taking very irresponsible action and we should consider seriously what we are doing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MURPHY: A constitutional majority to override a veto is 30 votes.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MURPHY: The rules say that any bill that fails to receive constitutional majority shall require 30 votes for reconsideration.

PRESIDENT: That is not quite what it says.

SENATOR MURPHY: What does it quite say?

PRESIDENT: That section is limited to Final Reading and not consideration of overrides.